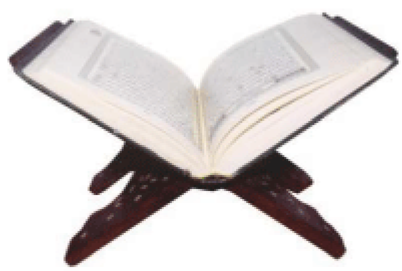
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HIFZ

MEMORIZATION OF THE QURA'N
IMPORTANCE, METHODS & MODERN TECHNIQUES
QUICKEST WAYS FOR BEGINNERS & ELDERS



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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ وَ الصَّلٰوةُ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلٰى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ
اَمَّا بَعْدُ فَاَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطٰنِ الرَّجِيْمِ بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

Du'a for Reading Booklet

Read the following Du'ā (supplication) before studying a religious book or Islamic lesson, اِنْ شَآءَ اللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you will remember whatever you study:

اَللّٰهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَام

Ya Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Open the portal of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One who is the most honourable and glorious!

Note: Recite Ṣalāt-'Alan-Nabī once before and after the Du'ā.

GUIDENCE

NO MATTER HOW HARD SATAN PREVENTS YOU FROM READING THIS BOOKLET, DO READ IT ALL,

إن شاء الله عزوجل

YOU WILL

COME ACROSS AN INVALUABLE TREASURE OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE

THE EXCELENCE OF SALAT-ALAN-NABI صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم

THE BELOVED OF ALLAH عزوجل THE COMFORTER OF HEARTS, THE MERCY OF THE UNIVERSE, THE NOBLE PROPHET صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم HAS STATED, "RECITATION OF SALAT UPON ME IS NOOR (LIGHT) ON THE BRIDGE OF SIRAAT.WHOEVER RECITES SALAT UPON ME 80 TIMES ON FRIDAY, 80 YEARS OF HIS SINS WILL BE FORGIVEN"
(MU'JAM SAGHIR PP320, HADIS 5191)

I MUST STRIVE TO REFORM MYSELF & PEOPLE OF THE ENTIRE WORLD

إن شاء الله عزوجل

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TRANSLITERATION CHART

ء	A/a	ڑ	Ř/ř	ل	L/l
ا	A/a	ز	Z/z	م	M/m
ب	B/b	ژ	X/x	ن	N/n
پ	P/p	س	S/s	و	V/v, W/w
ت	T/t	ش	Sh/sh		
ٹ	Ṫ/ṫ	ص	Ṣ/ṣ	ھ / ہ / ۃ	Ĥ/ĥ
ث	Š/š	ض	Ḍ/ḍ	ی	Y/y
ج	J/j	ط	Ṭ/ṭ	ے	Y/y
چ	Ch	ظ	Ẓ/ẓ	َ	A/a
ح	Ḥ/ḥ	ع	‘	ُ	U/u
خ	Kh/kh	غ	Gh/gh	ِ	I/i
د	D/d	ف	F/f	و مدّہ	Ū/ū
ڈ	Ḋ/ḋ	ق	Q/q	ی مدّہ	Ī/ī
ذ	Ż/ż	ک	K/k	ا مدّہ	Ā/ā

A WORD OF GRATITUDE

In one of his sayings, recorded in relevant Hadith literature,

HAZRAT MUHAMMAD MUSTAFA ﷺ says:

"*One who is not grateful to people (for the good he has seen from them), neither will be grateful to ALLAH* عَزَّوَجَلَّ *(for the benefits He bestowed him).* "

Guided by the prophetic advice as well as by the words of ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ from the Holy Qur`an:

"*Is there any Reward for Good - other than Good?*" (Al-Rahman, 60),

On the occasion of publishing my booklet, I sincerely express my gratitude to its guidance, suggestions ,corrections and help of **Mufti Molana Muhammad Ismaeel Noorani M.A** دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَة

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I pray to the Almighty ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ to make this publication useful to all of its readers, and I ask them to remember the author and all above supporters with a prayer.

Karachi, May 12, 2012

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FOREWORD

The importance of Qur’an to Muslim cannot be overstated. The specialty of the Holy Qur’an is that, it can be memorize easily. A Muslim child of less than seven years can memorize the Holy Qur’an but the child of same age cannot memorize any book of the world word by word. This is no doubt that such memorization is a miracle of Qur’an. This memorization is a continuous process since 1450 years and this is because ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in the Holy Book,

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

“Indeed We have sent down the Qur’an, and indeed We Ourselves surely are its Guardians.”
AL – Hijr (9)

This is one of the miracles of the Qur’an – no one has been able to change even one letter of its text, despite every effort. It has remained in its original from since the 6th Century (A.D) and will remain so forever. Other Holy Books such as the Torah and the Bible have lost their originality.

This Holy Book Qur’an which has revealed in Arabic in 23 years on Prophet **HAZRAT MUHAMMAD MUSTAFA** ﷺ was not only easy to Arabs to memorize it in their own language but it was also easy to all non Arabs to memorize it. Therefore, Muslim people of all nations of the world has memorized this Holy Book. It is because ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in his revealed book in Surrah Alqamar,

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَّكِرٍ

And we have indeed made the Qur’an easy to memorize, so it there one who would remember?

Al-Qamar (17)

One of my beloved friend Mr. Muhammad Saleem Patel has written this booklet on memorization of Holy Qur’an for interested beginners. In his booklet he has raised some difficulties in from of question about the memorization of the Holy Qur’an and he has answered all those questions in detail. He has complied the methods and modern techniques and quickest ways not only for youngsters but people of any age. He has also given some important tips for people of all countries speaking different languages. I think Mr. Patel has successes in his goal because this Booklet will give good and perfect guidelines to those whom are interested in memorization of the Holy Qur’an.

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Since long, I had felt the need of a brief English booklet containing Methods of Quran Memorization and my friend Muhammad Saleem Patel took the opportunity to fulfill this need. and wrote on the subject in detail primarily for the benefit of every muslim beginner who want to do Hifz-e-Quran independently, quickly and smoothly and specially for those who are living in countries where English is the primary language of instruction and where Masajid & Madrasahs are not available or very far to reach.

This book is devoted to the Memorization of the Holy Qura'n and gives the reader a special knowledge of how to Memorize Qura'n systematically, different methods and techniques described herein are very useful and helpful.

Our children are our most precious asset and their proper education and upbringing under the umbrella of Qura'n should not be taken lightly, this booklet will surely help in their Qura'n memorization task easily and quickly.

I hope that this humble effort will provide brief, yet clear, answers to questions of similar nature and will help beginners to do Hifz –e- Quran easily and quickly.

May Almighty Allâh عَزَّوَجَلَّ approve of this humble effort, adorn it with His pleasure and make it beneficial to the readers.

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FOREWORD

My deepest congratulations and gratitude owe to my respectable benefactor Mr. Muhammad Saleem Patel Sahab who worked very hard to produce this book entitled:

“Hifz , Memorization of the Qura’n
Importance, methods & modern techniques”

Infact, the above mentioned topic is very essential for those who want to have the blessings of Hifz-e-Quran.

The author has gone through a very strenuous research work to inform people about various methods that could be used while performing this sacred task.

I will appreciate if the author makes effort to produce its version in Urdu as well for Urdu speakers.

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امتِ مسلمہ میں ایسے کمسن بچوں کی تعداد بےحد و بےشمار ہے جو بعطاءِ الٰہی حافظِ قرآن ہیں۔**"مجلہ اللواء الاسلامی"** قاہرہ کا شمارہ ۲۳ دسمبر ۱۹۹۳ء ہے، جس میں رپورٹ پیش کی گئی کہ شیخ محمود کی عمر دس سال ہے اور اُنہیں نہ صرف قرآنِ مجید مکمل تفسیر کے ساتھ یاد ہے بلکہ اُنہیں صحیح بخاری شریف کی سات ہزار احادیث مبارکہ بھی یاد ہیں اور چھ سال کی عمر میں انہوں نے قرآنِ پاک حفظ کر لیا تھا۔یہ اللہ تبارک و تعالیٰ کا فضل اور اس کے محبوبِ اعظم ﷺ کا کرم ہے اور قرآنِ مجید کا معجزہ ہے۔

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DEDICATION & PREFACE

The booklet is dedicated

FIRST to ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ

SECOND to HAZRAT MUHAMMAD MUSTAFA ﷺ

THIRD to Hazrat Shaykh Abd al –Qadir al-Jilani رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ

FOURTH to My Shaykh Hazrat Allama Molana Syed Shah Turab-ul Haq Qadri

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FIFTH to My Parents & My Teachers.

By the Grace of ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ and support of His most beloved Prophet ﷺ I have decided to write this booklet during my Hifz-e-Qura'n to facilitate beginners and elders who wish to do Hifz-e-Qura'n quickly, smoothly and accurately. I have come across many difficulties in Hifz-e-Qura'n for which I have done extensive research work from all over the world through internet, books available by different Ulma-e-Kiram and personal practical experiences, interviewed with Teachers of different Madaris and students of different Madaris. I have also seen many students asking different questions about Hifz-e-Qura'n on the net. To overcome these difficulties and problems and to fulfill their requirement and to guide them to right direction , using modern techniques and methods which are very essentials for Quick, smooth and accurate Hifz-e-Qura'n.

This booklet will definitely help إن شاء اللہ عزوجل to all the beginners and elders in Hifz-e-Qura'n quickly and accurately as ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said in Surah. Al-Qamar

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَّكِرٍ

(17) And we have indeed made the Qur'an easy to memorize, so it there one who would remember?.

This is a consolidated booklet on methods as well as virtues and anything you can imagine to do Hifz-e-Qura'n in quickest way I have gathered everything possible for beginners and elders to complete their Hifz-e-Qura'n in the light of Qura'n and Ahadees Rasul e Karim ﷺ . May ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ help me and guide me to complete my task in helping those who love Hifz Qura'n-e-majeed for the welfare of their Dunyah and Akhirah..

The importance of the Qura'n to Muslims cannot be overstated. Learning the Qura'n by heart, not only in your native language but in Arabic, is an important part of being a Muslim. Memorizing the Qura'n in English or Urdu is not enough. The Qura'n in Arabic is considered the only true version of the Qura'n. It can be difficult for English/Urdu speakers to get used to memorizing the Qura'n in another language, much less one as dissimilar from English/Urdu as Arabic. Yet there are steps you can take to help memorize the surahs of the Qura'n more easily and quickly.

The Qura'n helps individuals live a good, chaste, abundant and rewarding life in obedience to the commandments of ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The English version of the Qura'n does not have all of the concepts, because translating words from one language to another is almost impossible. With a helper, you can learn the ins and outs of the Qura'n i.e by Tafseer of Qura'n.

The Qura'n is recited rhythmically, which can facilitate memorization. The Qura'n plays a key role in the lives of Muslims. It is the primary and core text for Islamic law and is recited from several times daily during obligatory prayers. Memorizing the Qura'n is considered a highly meritorious act, and those who have memorized the entire Qura'n acquire the title of hafiz, or guardian, of the Qura'n. Memorizing the entire Qura'n can take several years, but some Muslims may want to memorize some portions of the Qura'n for personal.

INTRODUCTION

One of the specific features of the honorable Qur`an is that it is a Book that can be committed to memory. In Arabic this process is termed *Hifz ul-Qur'an* and the person who memorizes the Qur'an in its entirety is referred to as *Hāfiz ul-Qur'an,* which could be translated as the *guardian of the Qur'an*. In Pakistan and other countries in the world the process of memorization of the Qur'an is termed *Hifz* and a person who commits the entire Qur'an to memory receives a noble title of *Hafiz*.

Have you ever asked yourself?

- Why does one memorize the Qur'an?
- Who was the first Hafiz of the Qur'an?
- Do the people who have memorized the Qur`an possess some special characteristics?
- What are the obligations of the Hafiz towards the Qur`an and the Ummah ?
- How can one become a Hafiz and how much time does he/she require to accomplish that?
- Does the method of memorization in Pakistan differ from the method practiced in other parts of the world?
- What are the advantages of our method of learning?
- How does one retain everything he/she has memorized?
- What strengthens and what weakens the power of memory?
- Is there a prayer or a particular Du'a that improves the power of memory?

The answers to these and many other questions, along with specific advices and examples, you will find on the pages of this book.

10- Why Hifz-e-Qura'n ?

Requirement of Learing Qura'n by Heart

It has been well over 1400 years since ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ chose to commence the sacred revelation of the holiest of Scriptures, the Holy Qura'n. Ever since then, this Holy Book has served as a beacon of knowledge and guidance, leading humanity towards the righteous path that ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes the best.

Why do we need to learn Qura'n ? **Its virtues & importance**

The best answer to this can be the reference of the first two verses of the Holy Book ever to be revealed, wherein ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ addresses His beloved Apostle MUHAMMAD ﷺ, insisting him to learn (read). "Proclaim! (or read) in the name of the ALLAH and Cherisher, who created, –created man out of a (mere) clot of congealed blood" (Chapter 96: Al-Alaq; Verses 1-2) A hadith of MUHAMMAD ﷺ, last of the Messengers of ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ, further signifies the importance of learning Qura'n: "The best of you is he who has learnt the Qur'an and then taught it." (Bukhari) This Hadith can serve as the best motivation for any true believer, convincing him/her in learning Qur'an.

Sahih Bukhari Hadith ﷺ

Volume 6, Book 61, Number 543:

Narrated 'Abdullah bin 'Umar رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ :

ALLAH's عَزَّوَجَلَّ Apostle said, "Not to wish to be the like except of two men. A man whom ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ has given the knowledge of the Book and he recites it during the hours of the night, and a man whom ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ has given wealth, and he spends it in charity during the night and the hours of the day."

Volume 6, Book 61, Number 549:

Narrated Ibn Umar رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ :

ALLAH's عَزَّوَجَلَّ Apostle said, "The example of the person who knows the Qur'an by heart is like the owner of tied camels. If he keeps them tied, he will control them, but if he releases them, they will run away."

Volume 6, Book 61, Number 550:

Narrated Abdullah رضي الله تعالى عنه :

The Prophet ﷺ said, "It is a bad thing that some of you say, 'I have forgotten such-and-such verse of the Qur'an,' for indeed, he has been caused (by ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ) to forget it. So you must keep on reciting the Qur'an because it escapes from the hearts of men faster than camel do."

Volume 6, Book 61, Number 579:

Narrated Abu Musa رضي الله تعالى عنه :

The Prophet ﷺ said, "The example of a believer who recites the Qur'an and acts on it, like a citron which tastes nice and smells nice. And the example of a believer who does not recite the Qur'an but acts on it, is like a date which tastes good but has no smell. And the example of a hypocrite who recites the Qur'an is like a Raihana (sweet basil) which smells good but tastes bitter And the example of a hypocrite who does not recite the Qura'n is like a colocynth which tastes bitter and has a bad smell."

11. Objectives of Learning Holy Qur'an:

Fulfillment of a sacred religious obligation. Resorting the ultimate source of guidance Exposing ourselves directly to the words of Mighty ALLAH Seeking wisdom from it to live our daily lives Being a Muslim, we are bound to read Qura'n and understand the message ALLAH has sent to the entire mankind through this heralded Book. When we read **Holy Qura'n** and learn the meanings of its verses and content, we get to know how effectively it carries solutions to our day to day problems. From business to social to personal issues—all matters have been explicitly explained in this great book consisting a wealth of knowledge. The Qura'n itself reveals:

"This is the Book (the Qur'an), whereof there is no doubt, a guidance to those who are Al-Muttaqoon (the pious) [Al-Baqarah 2:2]

Every ayat and every verse of the Qur'an holds guidance for the ones that are willing to value its use, and guides all fellow beings in the right path that facilitates them in this world and in the world hereafter. The Qur'an contains answers to all the complex problems facing mankind today, and no matter how much we have excelled in terms of technology, we still face fears of hurricanes, tornados, volcanoes, earth quakes and other natural disasters – tsunami and Katrina are the most recent examples of it. So all these factors show the wrath of ALLAH and tell us Muslims to hold on fast to the teachings of Islam and Holy Qur'an and make ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ happy.

12. Who can do Hifz-e-Qura'n?

Whenever learning at a young age, it will be better ,purer, stronger and more professional as I always say: learning at a young age is like carving on stone. But elders must not loose heart as I have seen many elderly people doing Hifz successfully even my example is in front of you. It only becomes a little tough and a bit lengthy i.e time consuming as they are not as fresh as kids and busy in jobs or business but it is not impossible at all. One should try and do Hifz-e-Qura'n at any age. I would say where there is will there is way ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make it easy**.**

Please read translation of this verse very carefully : ***[Surah Qamar 54: Ayat 17] And We have indeed made the Qur'an easy to memorise, so is there one who would remember?***

So now when ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ has given confirmation in Qura'n that it is easy, so one should not worry about it.

One of very significant factors of preservation of the Qur`anic text from any change is contained in the fact that Qur`an is the Book which is possible to memorize entirely. Thanks to that, the Muslims have had fully preserved originality of their sacred Book, because the Qur`an was being recorded and memorized as parts of it were being revealed to the Prophet ﷺ .

Inspired by the Prophet ﷺ , who was himself Hafiz, and also inspired by his sayings which commend those who know Qur`an by heart, numerous Muslims, male and female, became Huffaz. Tradition of committing the Qur`an to memory has been alive till today. Indeed, a large number of people know Qur`an by heart.

13. Niyah (Niyat)

Niyah is very crucial and necessary I would rather say it is absolutely indispensable.

One must intend pleasure of ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ. He must learn for ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ sake not for hypocrisy nor reputation, and also not for the worldly interest. (Say (O MUHAMMAD ﷺ): "Verily I am commanded to worship ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ (Alone) by obeying Him and doing religious deeds sincerely for His sake only.

[Sûrat Az-Zumar, verse 11]

14. **What Du'as are essential before starting Hifz-e-Qura'n**

1. Before starting Hifz learn Surah Yousuf by Heart
2. Keep naqsh of Nalain Mubarak with the Niyah (Niyat) that Hifz of the Qura'n will become easy for me.
3. After reading Surah Mudassir du'a for easiness of Hifz of the Qura'n
4. Offer Salatul Hajat two nafil daily and pray for Hifz of the Qura'n easiness
5. Offering Namaz-e-Ghosia and act accordingly will also help in Hifz of the Qura'n
6. Recite every time before starting Hifz of the Qura'n

١ اَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطٰنِ الرَّجِيْم ٢ بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْم
٣ رَبِّ زِدْنِيْ عِلْمًا

7. Recite every time before starting Hifz of the Qura'n

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِيْ صَدْرِيْ وَ يَسِّرْلِيْ اَمْرِيْ وَ احْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِّسَانِيْ يَفْقَهُوْا قَوْلِيْ

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِنِّيْ عَلٰى تِلَاوَةِ الْقُرْاٰنِ وَ عَلٰى ذِكْرِكَ وَ شُكْرِكَ وَ حُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ ٥ اَللّٰهُمَّ

ذَكِّرْنِيْ مِنْهُ مَا نَسِيْتُ وَ عَلِّمْنِيْ مِنْهُ مَا جَهِلْتُ وَارْزُقْنِيْ تِلَاوَتَهٗ اٰنَاءَ الَّيْلِ وَ اٰنَاءَ النَّهَارِ

وَاجْعَلْهُ لِيْ حُجَّةً يَّا رَبَّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ ٥

8. Recite everytime before starting Hifz of the Qura'n or any book

اَللّٰهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ

9. Recite everytime before starting Hifz of the Qura'n

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ وَسُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ وَلَآ اِلٰـهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَاللّٰهُ اَكْبَرُ وَلَا
حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ اِلَّا بِاللّٰهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيْمِ عَدَدَ كُلِّ حَرْفٍ
كُتِبَ وَيُكْتَبُ اَبَدَ الْاٰبِدِيْنَ وَدَهْرَ الدّٰهِرِيْنَ وَصَلَّى اللّٰهُ
تَعَالٰى عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰٓى اٰلِهٖ وَصَحْبِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ

10. Before going to sleep always read Surah Baqarah Ayat 1 to 4 , 255 to 257 and 284 to 286.

11. Every day do following four works:

   a. Recite the following Hamd Shareef:

   اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَدَدَ خَلْقِهٖ وَ رِضَا نَفْسِهٖ
   وَزِنَةَ عَرْشِهٖ وَ مِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهٖ

   b. Recite following Durood Shareef:

   اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ عَلٰى جَمِيْعِ
   الْاَنْبِيَآءِ وَالْمُرْسَلِيْنَ وَ عَلَى الْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ
   الْمُقَرَّبِيْنَ وَ عَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَ اَصْحَابِهٖ وَ
   اَزْوَاجِهٖ وَذُرِّيَّتِهٖ وَاَتْبَاعِهٖ اَجْمَعِيْنَ

   c. Recite following Du'a Magfirat:

   رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْلِيْ وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ يَوْمَ
   يَقُوْمُ الْحِسَابُ

   d. Recite special Du'a for Powerful memory for Hifz of the Qura'n

   اَللّٰهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِيْ بِتَرْكِ الْمَعَاصِيْ اَبَدًا
   مَا اَبْقَيْتَنِيْ وَارْحَمْنِيْ اَنْ اَتَكَلَّفَ مَالَا

15. What are the different methods & strategies for Hifze-e-Qura'n

When I began personally the memorization of the Qura'n I did extensive research into the techniques used for memorizing. In this post, I have compiled together all the techniques for memorizing Qura'n that I could find. It's really amazing to see the diversity of strategies employed throughout the Muslim world.

Classical Mauritanian Method:

Day 1

Copy out the page of the Qura'n that you want to memorize.
Read it until you get a fluent at it and have it memorized a little.
Repeat what you memorized 500 times (yes you read that right). You will occasionally read it while looking at the text. But go easy on yourself and take breaks in between. Use a misbah (rosary beads) to keep track and take breaks between every 100. It will take about 4.5 hours to do this if it is one page of Qura'n that takes about one minute for once through.

Day 2

Do the exact same as Day 1 for the new material (copy out the text, memorize, repeat 500 times).
Return to Day 1's material and repeat it 150 times.

Day 3

Do the exact same as Day 1 for the new material (copy out the text, memorize, repeat 500 times).
Return to Day 2's material and repeat it 150 times.
Return to Day 1's material and repeat it 50-75 times.

Day 4

Do the exact same as Day 1 for the new material (copy out the text, memorize, repeat 500 times).
Return to Day 3's material and repeat it 150 times.
Return to Day 2's material and repeat it 50-75 times.
Return to Day 1's material and repeat it 10 times.

Day 1: 500 reps
Day 2: 500 reps+150
Day 3: 500 reps+150+75
Day 4: 500 reps+150+75+10
Day 5: Same as Day 4 but read everything together a few times to ensure proper connections are made.

Benefit of this method is that you do not have to review so much. But doing this method means you will hear the verses repeating themselves in your head and even dream of reciting them due to the intensity of it. The merit of this method is that it is GUARANTEED إن شاء الله عزوجل

Alternative Mauritanian Method

Same routine as above but the numbers are changed to reflect the following

Day 1: 50 reps
Day 2: 50 reps+25 reps
Day 3: 50 reps+25 reps+10 reps
Day 4: Same as Day 3 but review it all together for proper connections

This is meant for people who do not have so much time to spend on it. However it should be noted this will still take a great deal of time to do. The problem with this method is that it means one will have to review more often in order to have it stick.

One could make up for this deficiency by implementing the Strategies, that are in the last section of this book.

Another Mauritanian Method
Day 1: 100 reps
Day 2: 50 reps
Day 3: 10 reps
Day 4: 5 reps
Day 5: 2 reps

This is all for one section that you are memorizing, you will have to adjust it using the same pattern mentioned in the Classical Mauritanian Method

Singapore Method:

Read until fluent which means at least 10 times
Then recite it 50 times alternating between 5 times looking at the Qura'n (open book) and not looking at the Qura'n (closed book)

.**Circle Method for Review**
(African Sub'is)

Get a group of students who have already memorized the part of the Qura'n
Everyone recites one ayah each
When a person makes 3 mistakes (or however many) they are out of the circle
Repeat until the entire Juz is complete

16. Strategies

What has been mentioned above are methods that have been proven to be successful in places around the world. The prerequisites for these methods are sincerity, hard work and perseverance.

There are other strategies, tips and tricks that will also help a person in memorizing the Qura'n. They are important and in a sense, require an awareness of the Book of ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the practical points in the believer relating to it. Although you may heard some of these before we'll go through these carefully to fully appreciate the value of them.

As mentioned earlier having a Qura'n teacher is important for a number of reasons:
They will correct your mistakes and help you with your weaknesses
They will keep you on track and not allow you to slack off
They will also help with the tajweed and qiraat of the Qura'n, so that you will not only memorize the ayahs, but how to also recite the ayahs beautifully

Pick a mushaf (Qura'n text) that you are already comfortable and familiar with. It should have the following:
Easy to read Arabic
Translation of the meaning
Differentiation marks for dividing Ruku, Rub, Nisf, Suls, Juz

1. Assess your current memorization needs and skills. Decide how much of the Qura'n you would like to memorize. Figure out how much of the Qura'n you already have memorized. Write down the amount of Qura'n that you know in your journal. Assess your current knowledge of written Arabic. If you can read Arabic, this will help reinforce your knowledge of the Qura'n.

2. Set a memorization goal and develop a plan. Set a date for memorization of the desired portion of the Qura'n. Decide how much of the Qura'n you will memorize per day, week or month to meet this goal.

3. Join a memorization group or enroll in a Qura'n class. These are often held at local mosques, but free classes and groups are also available online. Share your memorization goals and review your memorization plan with the group leader or teacher. He or she can provide additional advice or help you modify your plan if needed.

4. Consider enrolling in a Classical Arabic class, if you do not read Arabic. While many Muslims learn the Qura'n by rote, if you learn to read the Qura'n, this will help you learn faster, as you can read silently, and similar words and phrases will be readily identifiable.

5. Read or listen to the Qura'n daily. Don't limit yourself to the section you are memorizing for the week, but review portions you have memorized.

6. Read or listen to the section of the Qura'n you have designated for daily or weekly memorization. Read or listen to the entire section, then read or play each verse, and then recite the verse. Repeat the verse until you have recited it perfectly. Repeat the verse

from memory, without reading or playing. Once you have the verse perfectly repeated from memory, move on to the next verse. When you have completed the section, recite the entire portion by rote. If you make a mistake in a verse, go back to that verse and repeat the memorization process. Record your progress in your journal.

7. Assess your progress monthly. Talk with your group leader or instructor about your progress. If you are not proceeding at your desired pace, ask about increasing the portion you memorize daily

8. Chanting:

Rhythmic chanting, which has elements of music and musical notes, is probably the best known method of memorizing the Qura'n. The rhythms and pitches of the chants make it easier to recall specific prayers and passages of the Qura'n.

9. Time, Place and Mental Condition:

The time of sahr, or the last quarter of the evening, is considered a good and blessed time that is quiet and peaceful, thus very good for Qura'nic memorization. The best place to memorize the Qura'n is a mosque. However, any clean place that is quiet and far from work interruptions is considered good. The room should be peaceful and free from distractions. A person trying to memorize part, or all, of the Qura'n should be calm and quiet. Memorization will not be effective if the memorizer is in an agitated state.

10. Rules of Memorization:

The Qura'n will be easier to memorize if you set a daily limit and if you understand the meaning of the passage meaning rather than making recitation an end in itself. The passage needs to have personal meaning to you, and you should feel a logical connection that links one chapter (Surah) to the next. If you recite to others, they can spot errors in your memorization and pronunciation

17. Do's and Don'ts

1. One must leave wrong doing and disobedience which close hearts like a glance, eating the Forbidden and listening to songs and watching movies ...etc. And other things that waste the Muslim's time.

2. One must be guided by a Sheikh because the teaching and the Oral practice are the most important points for learning Qura'n.

3. Our Role model is our Prophet ﷺ . He took Qura'n from the lips of Gabriel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. Gabriel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had taken from the ALLAH of Honor عَزَّ وَجَلَّ and Power, the Owner of all the worlds.

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4. One must study from the same copy of Qura'n so he can be fully concentrated with Qura'n preferably from 15 lines per page Qura'n.

5. One must organize time for learning and revision .. The best time for learning is after dawn prayer and the revision time could be before the dawn with the night standing prayers .If it is not available , he must arrange himself to be free from all business to make time for Qura'n only.

6. One must give the Qura'n the highest priority.

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7. Whoever had been honored by ALLAH for learning Qura'n must make revision continuously to prevent the loose of his study.

8. One must put for himself a certain amount to study daily .. Each according to his capability so he can know if he is in the correct path or being lazy.

9. If any part is getting hard for you ask Forgiveness of your ALLAH عَزَّ وَجَلَّ, and seek refuge with ALLAH from Shaitân (Satan), the outcast (the cursed one),Read the interpretation and explanation of this part, because the well understanding will help you in learning .. And keep in mind that it is from your sins: ("I said (to them): 'Ask forgiveness from your ALLAH عَزَّ وَجَلَّ, verily, He is Oft-Forgiving")10 ('He will send rain to you in abundance')11 (And give you increase in wealth and children, and bestow on you gardens and bestow on you rivers)12(.)[Sûrat Nûh, verse10-12]

10. One must make a punishment for himself if you get lazy on your study or your revision, make a reasonable punishment.. For example, fast three successive days; or give money to poor people as charity or whatever you see as a suitable punishment, everyone knows himself well.

11. Learn Arabic , Download and print out charts of Arabic alphabets. Printing them out and keeping them for reference will help you to study them any time ,not only when you are in front of computer.

12. Practice writing Arabic with the correct strokes. Keep a notebook and practice writing the letters of the Arabic alphabet until you have memorized how to do it and can recognize individual letters in words easily.

13. Pronounce the alphabet correctly. Most charts will have the proper pronunciation on them, but you can also listen to the pronunciation of the Arabic alphabet online. The Shariah Program has charts, explanations and audio files about the Arabic alphabet

14. Memorize Qura'n Learn a little at a time. There is no way you can memorize an entire sura (chapter) at once. Take it slow and steady. Learn individual verses in English first. Then try to learn that same verse in Arabic. The Online Qura'n Project has the entire Qura'n online with English and Arabic side-by-side.

15. Write out the verse you have learned in English in Arabic. Sound it out yourself. Repeat it several times.

16. Write the verse out on an index card. Write the English on one side and the Arabic on the other. Carry it around with you and practice at various times during the day

17. Listen to the Qura'n in Arabic. There are several sites which have audio files of the suras of the Qura'n online for free. Qura'n Online has a media page where you can not only hear individual chapters in Arabic but also see the writing as you hear it, so you can read along. Qura'n 101 has audio files of the several of the suras available for downloading in Real Audio.

18. Choose a favorite reciter for regular listening. IslamWay has a page dedicated to different reciters of the Qura'n. Choose a favorite and listen regularly, while following along in your own Qura'n.

18. Guarding and Maintaining Hifz

Human being is a creature prone to forgetfulness. Some scholars are even inclined to see correlation between the word *insan*, which in Arabic designates a man, with the word *nisyan* which means forgetfulness. According to such an understanding, *insan* (man) would be a being of forgetfulness or a being who forgets. However, even from linguistic standpoint, not to mention other aspects, that understanding is far from correct. The word *insan* is derived from the root *uns*, which means sociability, intimacy, geniality, friendliness, etc… Consequently; *insan* (Human) is a sociable being.

The process of memorization of the Qur`an is expressly difficult and demanding, but it is even more difficult to save what is memorized from forgetfulness. For that reason the Prophet ﷺ left behind many sayings in which he encourages that one should frequently repeat what one has committed to memory from the Qur`an and warns of a danger of forgetting that.

Abu Musa al-Ash’ari, رضي الله تعالى عنه, narrated the following words of the Prophet ﷺ :

Be in constant contact with the Qur`an (i.e. recite it frequently)! By the One in Whose hand is my soul, it slides out faster than the camel gets out of the rope with which she is tied up.”

Abdullah ibn 'Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه. narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: *“The one who is a Hafiz of the Qur`an is like the keeper of the tied camel: if he watches her-she is his, and if he releases her-she will run away!”*

Encouraged by these Hadith and others with similar content, the Muslims from the first generation demonstrated almost unbelievable example of sacrifice, hard work, patience and What will help a hafiz to endure in repetition is a strong conviction that he is a keeper of the Qur`an, the book which represents the last revelation of ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ, his word and message to people. That book is the main source of Islam in doctrinal, legal, moral and every other aspect. To keep in memory the book which has such n importance is certainly very honorable task. That is why a Hafiz should focus his strength in a way that would make him persevere. In a Hadith the Prophet ﷺ says:

‘ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the exalted, said: ‘The one who occupies himself with the reciting of the Qur`an and remembering Me, and then ask nothing from Me (i.e. his reciting of the Qur`an and remembering Me takes his full attention) I will give him the best that I give to those who ask from Me. “

The way of safeguarding Hifz is in its constant maintenance through repetition. A Hafiz has to read and repeat the Qur`an throughout his entire life. To remain on this path, enormous patience, perseverance and extraordinary love towards Qur`an is required.

Here we would like to mention one tradition recorded by al-Tirmidhi in his *Sunan*, and is

connected to 'Ali, رضي الله تعالى عنه Once, when he was in the presence of the Prophet ﷺ he complained about the problem with remembering. The Prophet ﷺ recommended to him to offer a special Salat and taught him a supplication which can be recited for improvement of hifz. We are presenting this tradition in its ent…

It has been recorded by al-Tirmidhi with sanad of Ibn 'Abbas رضي الله تعالى عنه that he said:

“O… were with the Prophet of ALLAH, ﷺ, 'Ali ibn Abi Talib رضي الله تعالى عنه

came and said: -O Prophet of ALLAH ﷺ, to me you are like a father or mother. This Qur`an is slipping out of my chest so that it is becoming very hard to me to keep it in my memory.

The Prophet ﷺ responded: -Would you like me to teach you words (a supplication),

which will, by the help of ALLAH عزوجل*, benefit you and those whom you teach? That way you will,*

by the help of ALLAH, make lasting in you chest (memory) what you memorized?

-Yes, teach me, o prophet of ALLAH ﷺ - said 'Ali. رضي الله تعالى عنه *-When the night of Friday starts (LailatulJumu'ah)53, if you manage … up in the last third of that night - get up, because that time is blessed and in it ALLAH* عزوجل *accepts supplications. My brother*

Ya'qub عليه السلام *told his sons: - I will surely supplicate to my ALLAH* عزوجل *for you; and he was intending to do that in the Jumu'ah night. If you can not get up in its last third, then try in its half. And if you do not manage even in that part, get up at the beginning of that night and offer 4 rak'ahs. During the first rak'ah read sura al-Fatihah and the sura Yasin, during the second read suras al-Fatihah and al-Dukhan, during the third rak'ah surahs al-Fatiha and alSajdah, and on qiyam of the fourth rak'ah read suras al-Fatihah and al-Mulk. Upon completion of the fourth rak'ah, thank ALLAH and nicely express yourself about Him, then bring Salawat on me and do that nicely. Also, bring Salawat on other prophets of ALLAH*
ﷺ *and seek forgiveness for believing men and women and your brothers who surpassed you in religion.* At the end, he said *“O ALLAH* عزوجل*, I … rcy on me so that I stay away from sinning for as long as I live! Have O ALLAH,* عزوجل *the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the Glorious and Honorable and Almighty, I beg you, the most Merciful, calling upon Your Glory and the Light of Your Face, to oblige my heart to remember Your Book the way*

You taught me. Bless me to read it the way that will please You! My ALLAH , عَزَّوَجَلَّ *the Creator of the heavens and the earth, You Who are absolute in Your might, I implore You the most Merciful, calling upon Your Glory and Light of Your Face, to illuminate with you Qur`an my sight, to move with it my tongue and make it easy on my heart. With it make my chest wide and clean my body. Truly, on the path of Truth only You can help me and only You are able to give me the Truth. There is no might no power except with ALLAH* عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, the most High, and the most Glorious!"*

"O Abu al-Hasan رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ *, you will do that on three, five or seven Friday (Jumu'ah) nights, and it will be accepted from you with the permission of ALLAH* عَزَّوَجَلَّ*. By the One Who sent me with the Truth, this has not yet left unaffected any (true) Muslim!* Abdullah ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ narrates: "*By ALLAH* عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, not five or seven Fridays passed by and*

'Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ *again came to the prophet and said: -O Prophet of ALLAH* ﷺ *, earlier I used to memorize four verses at once, and each time I wanted to repeat them they would disappear. Now I memorize more than forty verses, and when I repeat them I feel as if the Book of ALLAH* عَزَّوَجَلَّ *is wide open in front of me. Also, when I now hear your sayings and pass them on later, I do not omit one letter from them*." The prophet of ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ said on that occasion *"You are the believer, by the ALLAH of Ka'bah* عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, o Abu al-Hasan* رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ

Practical value of the mentioned narration

The narration which we have just presented contains few very important details:

1. Importance of Salat in the life of a believer. Salat is the path to ease any of the life difficulties. ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ Pints that out in His Book and says: "*O you who believe! Seek help in patience and Salat (the prayer)…"* (*al-Baqarah, 153*). Salat is a connection between the slave, who is a temporary and inhabitant on earth, and his ALLAH, who is the most High and Eternal. At the same time, Salat is an extraordinary instrument to a Muslim pursuing Hifz to repeat the memorized pages and suras while performing it, and especially while performing Salat al-Lail and nafl. We have already stressed the fact that whatever from the memorized text of the Qur`an a person is able to read by heart in Salat, can be considered to be well learnt and firmly ingrained in his memory.

2. Importance of keeping from sins. This is extremely important on the path of acquiring and keeping the qualitative Hifz. In fact, keeping away from sins is of essential significance. In the previously mentioned supplication which the Prophet ﷺ recommended to 'Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ for the purpose of improving his memory, the first thing

supplicated for is the supplication to ALLAH to protect one from sinning and haram things **3**. Perseverance in maintaining Hifz. In the quoted Hadith the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said to 'Ali رضي الله تعالى عنه to repeat the mentioned Salat and supplication several times:

Insistence on repeating those acts three, five or seven times, which comprises the time length of three to seven weeks, is intended to build a stable person who will be extremely hardworking and persistent on his way of accomplishing certain goals.

Periodic testing of Hifz : Practice has shown that for a qualitative preservation of Hifz there must exist a certain testing of its condition. In that respect it would be the best to read from time to time the whole Qur`an before another Hafiz or a person well versed in the Qur`an. Those Huffaz who are Imams or who carry that function during Ramadan, have a unique opportunity to do that during the Tarawih.

All above Ahadees Reported by al-Bukhari and Muslim in their *Sahih* .
Reported by Muslim in his *Sahih* and Malik in his *Muwatta`*.

19. Important Information about Qura'n

1. Total words = Three lacs twenty three thousand six hundred seventy
2. Total Sentence = Seventy thousand nine hundred thirty four
3. Total Ayah = Six thousand two hundred thirty six only or 6,666
4. Total Surahs = One hundred fourteen
5. Total Paras = Thirty
6. Total Madni Surahs = Thirty or Twenty seven
7. Total Makki Surahs = Eighty four or Eighty seven
8. Total Manzil = Seven
9. Total Saktay = Eight
10. Total Sajday = Fourteen
11. Manzi 1 starts from Surah Al Fatiha to Suratun Nisa
12. Manzil 2 starts from Suratul Maida to Suratut Touba
13. Manzil 3 starts from Surah Younus to Suratul Nahal
14. Manzil 4 starts from Surah Bani Israel to Suratul Furqan
15. Manzil 5 starts from Suratul Shuara to Surah Yaseen
16. Manzil 6 starts from Surah Vasaffat to Surah Alhujrat
17. Manzil 7 starts from Surah Qaf to Surah Tun Nas.

20. Madni Pearls as regards to Touching the Holy Qura’n

1. When not in the state of Wuḍu [ritual ablution], it is Farḍ to perform Wuḍu in order to touch the Noble Qurān. *(Nūr-ul-Īḍāḥ, p. 18)*

2. When not in the state of Wuḍu, it is permissible to recite the Holy Qurān by looking without touching it.

3. It is not permissible to perform Tayammum in order to touch the Holy Qurān, to perform Sajdaĥ at-Tilāwaĥ, or to perform Sajdaĥ ash-Shukr [prostration of gratefulness], when water is in reach. *(Baĥār-e-Sharī’at, pp. 352, vol. 1, part 2)*

4. It is Ḥarām for a person upon whom Ghusl [ritual bath] is Farḍ, to touch the Holy Qurān. This includes the blank margins, the cover, and the cloth of the Holy Qurān. Similarly, it is also Ḥarām to recite the Holy Qurān by looking at or from memory, to write an Āyaĥ, to write a Ta’wīz [amulet] of an Āyaĥ, to touch such an amulet, or to touch or wear such a ring which has Qurānic verses inscribed e.g. ring having inscribed Muqaṭṭa’āt[1]. *(Baĥār-e-Sharī’at, pp. 326, vol. 1, part 2)*

5. If the Holy Qurān is in a case, it is permissible to touch the case. It is also permissible to touch it using a handkerchief or any other type of cloth which is neither integral to you nor to the Holy Qurān. It is Ḥarām to touch the Holy Qurān with the sleeve of your shirt or the edge of your scarf; even if a corner of a shawl is hanging off one shoulder, you cannot use the other corner of that shawl to touch the Holy Qurān, as all of these are considered as being integral to you in the same way as the cover of the Holy Qurān is considered as being attached to it. *(Dur-ru-Mukhtār, Rad-dul-Muḥtār, pp. 348, vol. 1)*

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[1] قٓ - طٰهٰ - يٰسٓ - كٓهٰيٰعٓصٓ - الٓمّٓ etc. are called Muqaṭṭa’āt letters.

6. The rulings of reciting and touching the Holy Qurān also apply to translations of the Holy Qurān in English, Persian, or any other language. *(Bahār-e-Sharī'at, pp. 327, vol. 2)*

7. It is not permissible for the one who has not performed Wuḍu or for whom Ghusl is due to touch an Āyaĥ written in a book or in a newspaper; similarly, it is also not permissible to touch the back side of the paper directly behind the section where Āyaĥ is written.

8. A person who has not performed Wuḍu or on whom Ghusl is due is not allowed to touch any part of a piece of paper upon which only an Āyaĥ, and nothing else, is written; this includes touching the front, back, the edges etc.

9. It is a heartfelt Madanī request to the publishers of religious books and monthly journals to refrain from printing any Āyaĥs or translations of Āyaĥs on any side of the front cover or back cover of books, pamphlets, booklets etc. because in picking up and touching the book, countless Muslims are caught up in absent-mindedly touching the Āyaĥs without Wuḍu.

   In this respect, 'Allāmaĥ Maulānā Al-Ḥāj Al-Ḥāfiẓ Al-Qārī Ash-Shaĥ Imām Aḥmad Razā Khān عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمٰن has stated on page 393 of volume 23 of Fatāwā-e-Razawīyyaĥ, "Printing Āyaĥs onto a paper which is wrapped around a bundle or packet of newspapers or booklets, or on cards or envelopes, causes disrespect to occur and leads towards Ḥarām, because it could be touched by postmen or others who may not be in the state of Wuḍu or may require Ghusl, or by Kuffār [disbelievers] who are always in a state of

impurity [i.e. without Ghusl], and this is Ḥarām. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ states: 'لَّا يَمَسُّهٗۤ اِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُوْنَ ﴿۷۹﴾' (Translation from Kanz-ul-Īmān: *None is allowed to touch it, except when in state of ritual ablution*).

These might be placed on the floor in order to affix seals; these might be ripped and thrown into the waste, and this misconduct with Āyaĥ resulted from the act of the publisher or writer."

What is faith? I asked my intellect
My intellect responded: faith is all respect

سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰـه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! If you see an Āyaĥ of the Holy Qurān printed on the cover of any book, it is requested that, after making good intentions, you show the aforementioned passage to the publisher, or send them a photocopy of it by mail [or email]. Along with it you should write, 'After seeing an Āyaĥ of the Holy Qurān on the cover of your so-and-so book, I am writing to request that you kindly refrain from printing Āyaĥs or their translations on the covers of books, so that Muslims can be protected from unmindfully touching them without Wuḍu.' جَزَاكَ اللّٰهُ خَيْرًا

If the publisher is a devotee of the scholars of Islam اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he will bless you with his supplications, and will express his intention to be mindful in such matter in the future.

O Lord! Protect me always from those who disrespect
And may I too never commit any form of disrespect

21. USEFUL TIPS

1. **Always start memorizing the new lesson (called Sabaq) after Maghrib Salat (or maximum after Isha Salat).**

2. **Memorize the Sabaq (new lesson) completely (if still remaining to memorize) after Fajar prayrers and read it to your teacher**

3. **Every day read the Sabaq(new lesson) along with the older lesson from the previous 7 days.These previous 7 days lesson are known as MANZIL or PICH-HLA, 7 days lesson are the least lessons for daily repetition, a normal man should revise upto last 15 lessons (as preferred by Pakistani professional Qaries i.e. teachers of Hifz classes).**

4. **Every day also read a complete Juz (part) of Qura'n that you have memorized previously. Start by basically learning the language of Arabic; if you can read it without understanding that will also be fine as Arabic can easily be memorized without knowing meaning of it! This is a miracle of the Holy Qur'an.**

5. **Since the ending part of the Qur'an is easy to memorize, start from the end of the Qur'an, take your first sabaq of at least one surah i.e. Surah-an-Naas.**

6. **Repeat the verse with looking until you know you can read it without looking, then read the verse without looking about 5 times.**

7. **Keep reviewing the verse or how much you did and in the same day memorize another part.**
8. **Work as hard as you possibly can.**
9. **Increase the number of pages you memorize a day when you feel you could do more. Once you achieved the target of getting sabaq one page, continue with same amount of lesson for at least fifteen days, do not try to just put all your memorizing power to learn your daily lesson i.e. Sabaq, take equal tension for what you have memorized previously, but try your best never to miss your daily lesson.**
10. **Stay dedicated and always think positively.**
11. **Keep working and know you can do it.**
12. **Never back down, and never slack off of your work**
13. **Stay in a quiet room**
14. **You can try to listen to recitation of the Qura'n, but to some people they become distracted.**

14. When you have finished memorizing, read it to someone else, preferably, sheikh, and do it on daily basis.

15. **Always summon ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ with the du'a (help prayer to ALLAH عَزَّوَجَلَّ) to help you with your goal.**
16. **Always review what you have memorized. If not, it will all be lost in a matter of months.**

17.Have patience and believe that you can do it. Motivation is the key.

18.Ask someone to listen to you while you are memorizing the Qur'an.

19.Also, learn the Arabic language so you understand what you're reading, but it is never necessary, since millions of hafiz memorized the Holy Qur'an without learning Arabic language. Knowing what you're reading makes it easier to memorize, but never start thinking about the translation while memorizing it.

20.If you ever get involved with a problem just approach to a sheikh for solution. He may also give you address of someone better than him to solve your problems i.e. professional Qari (teachers of Hafiz classes).

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